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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Ogawa et al.

Application No.: 10/527,826

Filed: October 13, 2005

For: METHOD OF PURIFYING 3-HYDROXYALKANOIC ACID  
COPOLYMER

Art Unit: 1657

Examiner: Lilling, Herbert J

Customer No.: 23838

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

S I R:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated November 29, 2007, the due date for which is extended three months with the attached petition, applicants request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks as shown below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.